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Your letter in relation to the public building at Lawrenceburg has just been received. No bills of this character will be considered by the committee during this short session, except cases involving especially urgent circumstances. I have been before the committee twice, and the members tell me that we have a good case, but we must wait until the next session. They further advise that it would be improper to press for a report now, because an unfavorable report might be made, and this would be a serious obstacle to the further progress of the bill at the next session. The people of Lawrenceburg ought to give me credit for knowing better how to proceed and when to proceed than they can possibly know at that distance. Tell them that I have no other bills for a public building, and that I am pursuing that course which will, in my judgment, best secure the appropriation. It would be folly for a delegation to come up here now and lay the facts and figures before this Congress. When next Congress convenes we will have a new committee re-organized by a new Speaker. The Chairman of this Committee, Mr. Mercer, has been defeated for re-election, and when the long terms begins the work would have to all be done over again, and the hearing now had would be of no possible avail. It is like bringing a suit on the equity docket just before court and clamor-

ing for a trial at the first term. Let your people be patient, and I will get the building for them.

Your friend,
G. G. GILBERT.

We are very glad indeed to copy the above letter which was received by one of our citizens from Congressman Gilbert regarding the government building. We are most certainly to have it in the near future. Our citizens will be much pleased at the reading of this most encouraging letter, and we are glad to have the opportunity of placing it before the public.

Many would no doubt think that we would have little trouble in getting together county news, as the town and county is so thoroughly covered with telephone service. And in fact the phones are of great benefit to us in securing news from out of town, but there is trouble experienced in one respect. Our phone oft times will ring, and when we answer there is heard the click, click of every other phone along the line cutting in to learn what is to be talked about. It is nothing uncommon at all to hear some one of them unthoughtfully exclaim, "wouldn't that frost you, or isn't that just terrible," or to have one of them suggest that certain steps be taken to do so and so. And then whatever news might be phoned to us when learned by these gossipers becomes public property, and receives as large a circulation as any two papers in the State could give. It would be well for some peo-

ple to read well the printed rules given them by the telephone company, and then use a bit of good old-fashioned common sense.

Last week we suggested that there be erected a canning factory in this city the same as other enterprising towns of our size have in successful operation, and the suggestion, we learn, is being seriously considered by Mr. Andrew Hawkins, and from the interest manifested we believe that within the next few months a plant of the kind will be arranged and put in operation. Mr. Hawkins has done much for the business interest of our city, having placed it as one of the first markets of the world as a turkey shipping point, he having slaughtered many thousands of them here last fall. There is no reason why a canning factory should not pay largely on the amount invested in this city, and we earnestly hope that Mr. Hawkins will carry out his present intentions of erecting such a plant.

Mr. Andrew Hawkins is slaughtering many chickens at his turkey pens in this city. Last week he slaughtered an average of one thousand chickens a day, which gave employment to many people of the town. Chicken pickers are paid two cents for each chicken picked, and at that price some of them are able to make quite a good day's pay. Harry Marshall, a colored man, last week picked on an average of two hundred chickens a day.

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